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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 87-141. Add new claims 157-163.

- 157. A method for reprogramming a non-dividing nucleus, comprising contacting said nucleus with a cytostatic factor-containing cytoplasm of a cell in meiotic metaphase II, wherein said nucleus is reprogrammed to undergo nuclear swelling, nucleic acid replication, and entry into mitosis.
- 158. The method of claim 157, further comprising contacting said nucleus with an activating egg cytoplasm.
- 159. The method of claim 158, wherein said activating egg cytoplasm is at a time in the cell cycle prior to cell cycle S-phase.
- 160. The method of claim 157, wherein said nucleus is reprogrammed to undergo DNA replication.